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Current Position: Director General
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Colin Chartres is the Director General of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) from October 15, 2007. IWMI is one of fifteen international agricultural research centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Dr Chartres, who comes from Australia, has 30 years experience in driving research and policy reform across the area of natural resources management with a focus on water and soils.

He has spent a considerable part of his career working on international development issues with organizations such as CSIRO and the Global Research Alliance. He was previously Chief Science Advisor to Australia's National Water Commission where his role included developing improved national water data and information systems, the development of a national groundwater action plan and advising on the role of science in a range of more general water reform issues. Previously he held senior research and research management positions with CSIRO, the Bureau of Rural Science and Geoscience Australia.

Dr. Chartres who has worked closely with the CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food believes that most of today's water issues cannot be solved without a truly integrated triple bottom line approach involving environmental, social and economic inputs.